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Applicant(s): Janowski et al.

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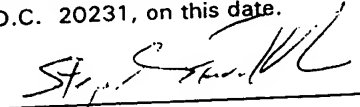
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated 3/11/02, enclosed are:

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.
- ☒ An executed Declaration for Patent Application, including Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 28 sheet(s) of drawings are enclosed. ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention to Pioneer Laboratories, Inc., and Recordation Form Cover Sheet - Patents Only - Form PTO-1595.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$        to cover the fee for recording the assignment.
- ☐ The Recordation Form Cover Sheet includes authorization to charge our Deposit Account for recording the assignment.
- ☒ Charge \$ 40.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. **Transaction No. 4504.**

☒ Fee Calculation:Fee Calculation For Claims As Filed

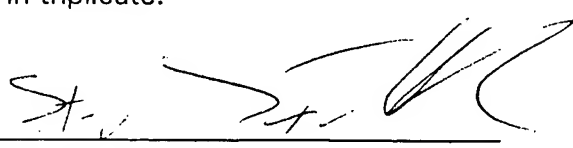
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Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(1)	\$ 50.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Provisional Utility Application Basic Fee	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00
Independent Claims      5 - 3 = 2 x \$ 84.00 =		\$ 168.00
Total Claims              37 - 20 = 17 x \$ 18.00 =		\$ 306.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims	\$ 280.00	
Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e)	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Application Basic Fee	\$ 330.00	
Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e)	\$ 130.00	
Total Filing and/or Surcharge Fee		\$ 1,344.00

☒ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status, reducing the Filing/Surcharge Fee by half to: \$ 672.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Filing and/or Surcharge Fee.
- ☒ Charge \$ 672.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. **Transaction Nos. 4499, 4500, 4501 and 4502.**
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. This sheet is filed in triplicate.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$474.
  - \$306 for 17 total claims over 20.
  - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1344.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

*W. K. ...*

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